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SUBJECT: ORANGUTANS FOR MOBUTU

FOLLOWING TEL SENT ACTION MAC SCOTT AFB IL//DO//TR; INFO  
437 AERIAL PORT SQN, CHARLESTON AFBSC//DO/TR; 21AF MCGUIRE  
AFB J.J./DO/TR; USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN GER//ECJA/7-SACD-M//PTO//;  
SECDEF WASHDC; SECSTATE WASH DC// AFRICA BUREAU// 221300Z NOV 76  
IS REPEATED FOR YOUR INFORMATION AS REQUESTED

QUOTE CZAMISH 854

SUBJECT: AIRLIFT OF ORANGOUTANGS

1. IN MARCH 1975 THE US EMBASSY HERE ASSISTED IN THE TRANSFER  
OF FIVE RARE DWARF CHIMPANZEES FROM ZAIRE TO THE YERKES  
REGIONAL PRIMATE RESEARCH CENTER OF EMORY UNIVERSITY, ATLANTA,  
GA. AS A TOKEN OF APPRECIATION TO PRESIDENT MOBUTU AND THE  
GOZ, YERKES WISHES TO DONATE TWO ORANGOUTANGS TO THE  
PRESIDENTIAL ZOO IN KINSHASA, TO BE DELIVERED IN FEB OR MAR 77.  
THE PRESENTATION WILL BE CONDUCTED UNDER USG AUSPICES VIA  
THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCE.

2. ASSUMING THAT AN OFFICIAL REQUEST IS APPROVED VIA PROPER  
CHANNELS AND FUNDING IS AUTHORIZED, WOULD THERE BE ANY PROBLEMS  
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ENCOUNTERED BY SHIPPING THE TWO ORANGOUTANGS AND ONE OR TWO  
CIVILIAN ATTENDANTS VIA THE REGULAR MAC CHANNEL FLIGHT TO  
KINSHASA? IT IS FELT THAT THE ATTENDANTS SHOULD BE WITH THE  
ANIMALS, RATHER THAN HAVE THEM IN THE BAGGAGE HOLD ON A  
COMMERCIAL FLIGHT.

3. REQUEST ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:  
A. WHAT WOULD BE THE PROCEDURE TO OBTAIN AUTHORIZATION?

B. MAY WE HAVE A NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR OFFICIALS AT  
YERKES TO CONTACT FOR INFORMATION?

C. ASSUMING TWO PAX AND TWO ORANGOUTANGS WITH CAGES AND FOOD  
WEIGHING 400 LBS, REQUEST THE COST.

4. DESPITE THE OBVIOUS HUMOROUS OVERTONES, THIS IS SERIOUS  
BUSINESS TO THOSE CONCERNED. THE US DEPT OF STATE WILL NO DOUBT  
ENDORSE THE REQUEST. DR. JULIAN ENGEL OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMY  
OF SCIENCES OR DR GEOFFREY BOURNE AT YERKES MAY ALSO BE CON-  
TACTED FOR FURTHER INFORMATION. REQUEST EXPEDITIOUS REPLY.  
THANKS.

5. U.S. EMBASSY CONCURS IN THIS MESSAGE. UNQUOTE  
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